GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Revenue (DM) Department – NATURAL CALAMITIES – Drought mitigation – providing life saving Irrigation to Horticulture crops - sanction of amount from SDRF – orders issued.

REVENUE (DM.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 52 **Dated: 01-05-2017**

Read the following

1. From Commissioner of Horticulture Lr.P&M(2) 19/2015, Dt.07.04.2017.
2. From Commissioner of Horticulture Lr.P&M(2) 19/2015, Dt.20.04.2017.
3. Note of Ex-Officio Secretary (Horticulture) in the E-office file.

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ORDER:

In the reference 3rd read above, the Ex-Officio Secretary (Horticulture), Agriculture & Co-operation Department reported that the district Collectors of Nellore, Kadapa, Ananathapuramu & Chittoor submitted proposals for life saving irrigation to the horticulture crops based on the instructions issued by the Hon'ble Chief Minister during teleconference for an amount of Rs.89.9731 crores and the particulars as follows:-

(i) Nellore district Collector has proposed for watering to 11,140 acres of Sweet Orange/Acid lime and 195.50 acres of Mango with total cost of Rs.21.63 crores.

(ii) Kadapa district has proposed for watering to 27,500 acres of Sweet Orange with total cost of Rs 41.25 crores by proposing more quantity of water (10 tankers per watering instead of 04 tankers of 5,000 litres capacity per watering approved by the Hon'ble CM based on the proposal of Ananthapur), which is limited to the approved norm. Therefore, for an area of 27,500 acres as per the approved norm, the cost per acre per watering would be Rs.2,000 and for 04 watering in a month, it would come to Rs. 8,000 per acre per month. 80% subsidy will be Rs. 6,400 per acre. Hence the total subsidy for 27,000 acres fro one month would come to Rs.17.60 crores only. For two months, if the dry spell continues,(which is unlikely as generally monsoon is expected to arrive by 10th June) would be Rs.35.20 crores.

(iii) Ananthapur district has proposed for watering to 15, 000 acres of Sweet Orange and 5,000 acres of Mango with total cost of Rs 32.20 crores.

(iv) Chittoor has proposed for 6,735 hac which includes agricultur as well as horticulture crops with total subsidy of Rs.94.31 lakhs.

2. After careful examination of the matter in terms of SDRF/NDRF norms, Government here by sanction an amount Rs. 89.9731 crores (Rupees Eighty Nine Crores Ninety Seven Lakhs and Thirty One Thousand only) to the Commissioner of Horticulture A.P., Guntur towards for life saving irrigation to the horticulture crops in the districts of Nellore, Kadapa, Ananathapuramu & Chittoor under SDRF as a special case as it relates to mitigation of drought. Further, due to saving these crops which has long production period the farmers will be protected from distress. Further, the amount will be allocated to the districts based on the actual requirement same will be drawn by the district Collectors of district concerned as per SDRF norms.

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3. The expenditure sanctioned in para (2) above shall be debited to the following head of Account:

"MJH 2245 - Relief on Accounts of Natural Calamities
S.M.J.H. 01 - Drought
M.H. 101 - Gratuitous Relief
S.H. 09 - Supply of Seeds, Fertilizers and Agriculture Implements
310 - Grants- in-Aid
312 - Other Grants-in-Aid"

4. The Commissioner of Horticulture informed that life saving irrigation to the horticulture crops in the districts of Nellore, Kadapa, Ananathapuramu & Chittoor is sanctioned in para 2 above as a special case subject to the following guidelines/Norms for implementation by the District Collectors.

(i) Assistance will be given to only those farmers whose borewells have dried up.

(ii) Extent of area per family will be limited to 5 acres

(iii) Transportation of water shall not be from any drinking water sources

(iv) District Collectors will constitute a multi-disciplinary team at the District and mandal level to identify villages/farmers, as well as to supervise implementation of the programme

(v) Cost of one water tanker with 5,000 litres capacity will not be more than Rs.500/-

(vi) Norm of watering : Mango- 03 watering per moth @ 15,000 litres per watering
Sweet orange- 04 watering per month @ 20,000 litres per watering

(vii) Per acre cost of watering for Mango will be Rs.1500/- per watering and for Sweet Orange Rs.2,000/- per watering, of which 80% may be paid as subsidy.

(viii) Water shall not be transported from any drinking water sources.

(ix) Watering shall be stopped immediately as and when rains are received and duly assessing the area under acute moisture stress besides carefully monitoring the Ground water levels for drinking water purposes.

(x) Proper documents will be maintained containing details of farmers, extent of are provided watering, crop, number of watering, dates of watering etc.

5. Government after careful examination approve the norms and guidelines recommended by the Commissioner & Ex-Officio Secretary, Horticulture as indicated above. Detailed operational guidelines shall be issued by the Commissioner & Ex-Officio Secretary, Horticulture towards implementation of the above norms. He is also requested to submit utilization certificate for the amount released by the Government duly remitting the unspent balance, if any, forthwith to the Government Account.

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6. This order issued with the approval of Secretary to Govt., Finance Dept. in the Note File.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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COMMISSIONER, DISASTER MANAGEMENT &
EX-OFFICIO SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
The Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P., Guntur.

Copy to

The Prl. Secy. to Govt., Agriculture & Co-operation (Horti & Seri) Dept.
The district Collectors of Nellore, Kadapa, Ananathapuramu & Chittoor.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P.
The District Treasury officers of Nellore, Kadapa, Ananathapuramu & Chittoor.
The Accountant General A.P., Hyderabad
The Director of State Audit, A.P.
The Finance (FMU.Rev.IC) Dept.
The P.S. to Dy.C.M. (Home & DM)
The P.S. to Minister for Agriculture
The P.S. to Minister for Finance
The P.S. to Spl.C.S. to C.M.
The P.S. to C.S.
The P.S. to CDM & EOS
The Accounts Officer, Rev.(DM) Dept.
SF/SC

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SECTION OFFICER